



GE Power Systems

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Mr. Tomas Torres
Remedial Project Manager
USEPA Region IX
75 Hawthorn Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: General Electric Power Systems Tucson, AZ Service Shop
Tucson International Airport Area Superfund Site, Tucson, AZ

Dear Mr. Torres:

In order to better understand the history of solvent usage and any potential disposal issues at the General Electric Service Center in Tucson, AZ, we forwarded a questionnaire with a map of the site to several of our long-term employees. We asked each of the employees to identify on-site disposal, if any, of PCB's, TCE, PCE and used oil. The responses are enclosed for your information.

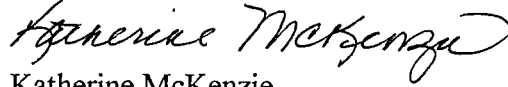
Four employees, all with intimate knowledge of the shop's practices and one retiree who worked in the manufacturing area responded to the questionnaire and noted on the map information which would assist the EPA and GE in locating any areas which could require additional sampling. As you can see from the attached maps, the employee's noted locations of possible disposal correspond closely to the grid set-up used for last month's sampling.

Please also note that the employees are unaware of any TCE used at the shop. It is stated that there was the result of a business decision made during the early 1970s prohibiting the use of TCE due to a confined space near asphyxiation at a customer job site. This decision was made prior to the Tucson Service Shop's opening. This information was acquired from the individual who rescued his co-worker from the confined space at the customer job site. He noted that GE 1500 thinner was the solvent of choice from that point in time. This employee, along with all others interviewed, have no knowledge of TCE ever being used at the Shop. This is consistent with the MSDS for Stoddard Solvent which I forwarded to you last week.

You should have received the Dames and Moore report for the sampling performed by GE in August. I look forward to meeting with you next week to discuss the next steps in the investigation. Based on the data we have provided additional sampling for TCE would not be a productive use of our resources. I hope we can close this issue out in the not too distant future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information from the employees or have any questions concerning the enclosed information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine McKenzie", written in dark ink.

Katherine McKenzie

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Mr. Warren Threlkeld
Tucson Service Center
1401 E. Valencia Road
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Threlkeld:

As you are aware, the EPA has been investigating the area surrounding the Tucson Service Shop and is particularly concerned about local groundwater conditions. The EPA has recently asked that the Tucson shop be included in their scope of potential contributors and has asked me to perform a site investigation.

I am asking that you please fill out the attached questionnaire and return to me today via fax. This will help me better determine if we have potential issues which need to be addressed. Please do not feel that you should not include information on these forms. It is better that you err on the side of caution and include all areas of concern. The more information you are able to provide to me, the better I will be able to answer the EPA's questions.

You may have noticed that there has been sampling taking place at the shop within the past few weeks. I am planning on using the information you provide to me to confirm that we have not missed any particular areas of concern, so please be as detailed as you can.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Katherine McKenzie

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of PCB's at the ASD facility in Tucson?

YES

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?

70^S

2. What was the source of the PCB material that was disposed of?

TRANSFORMERS
FLUSH

3. How was the disposal done?

DUMPED IN BACK YARD

4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of Used Oil at the ASD facility in Tucson?

yes

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?

70's

2. What was the source of the Used Oil that was disposed of?

Wheel motors ect

3. How was the disposal done?

dumped

4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of TCE at the ASD facility in Tucson?

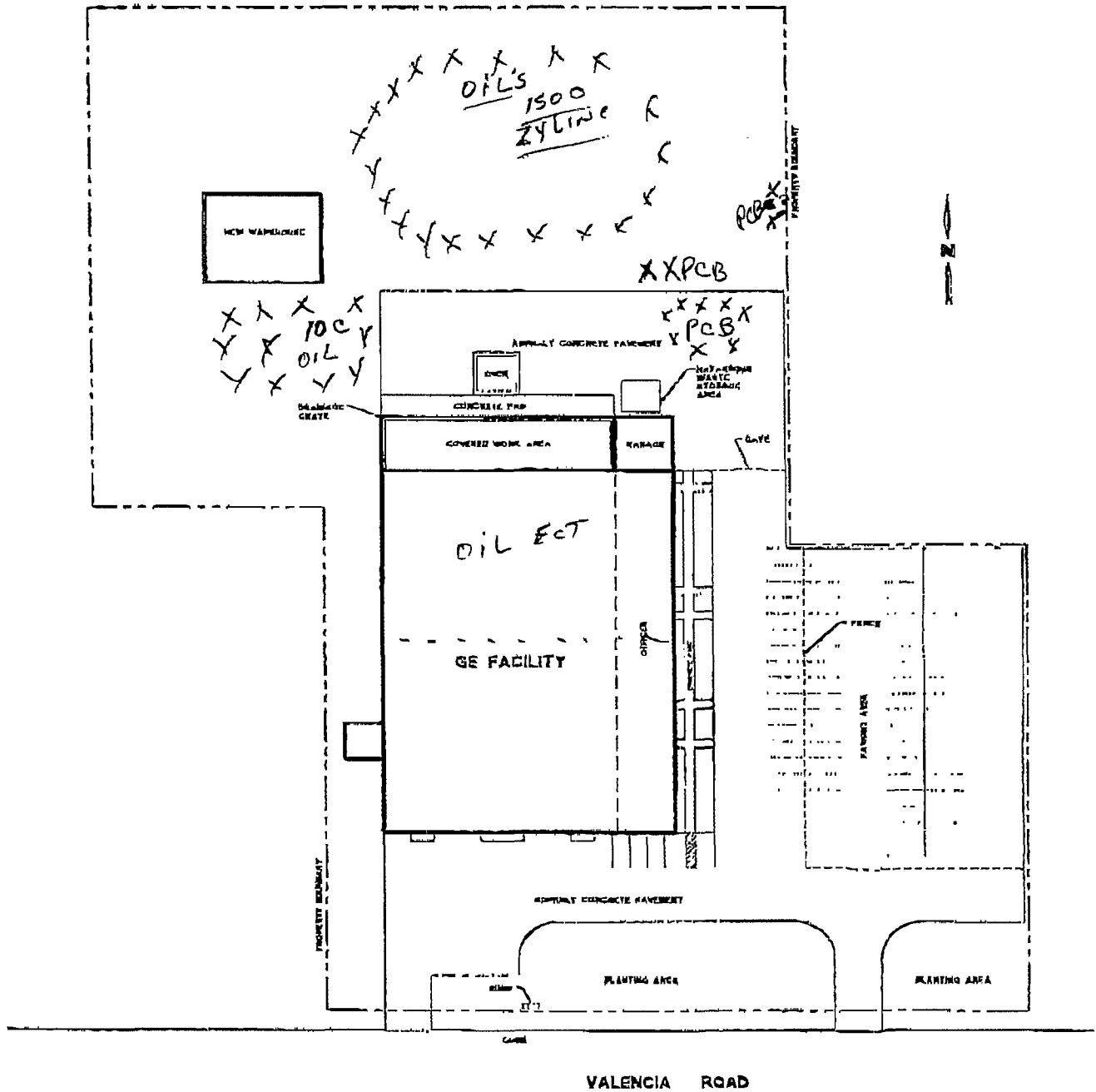
NO STOP USING IN OLD SHOP

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?
2. What was the source of the TCE that was disposed of?
3. How was the disposal done?
4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

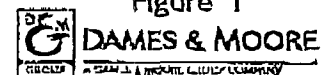
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4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?



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Figure 1



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Mr. Jerry Carrillo
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Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Carrillo:

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no

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

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2. What was the source of the PCB material that was disposed of?
3. How was the disposal done?
4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of Used Oil at the ASD facility in Tucson?

N^o

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?
2. What was the source of the Used Oil that was disposed of?
3. How was the disposal done?
4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of TCE at the ASD facility in Tucson?

JD

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?
2. What was the source of the TCE that was disposed of?
3. How was the disposal done?
4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of PCE at the ASD facility in Tucson?

no

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?
2. What was the source of the PCE that was disposed of?
3. How was the disposal done?
4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

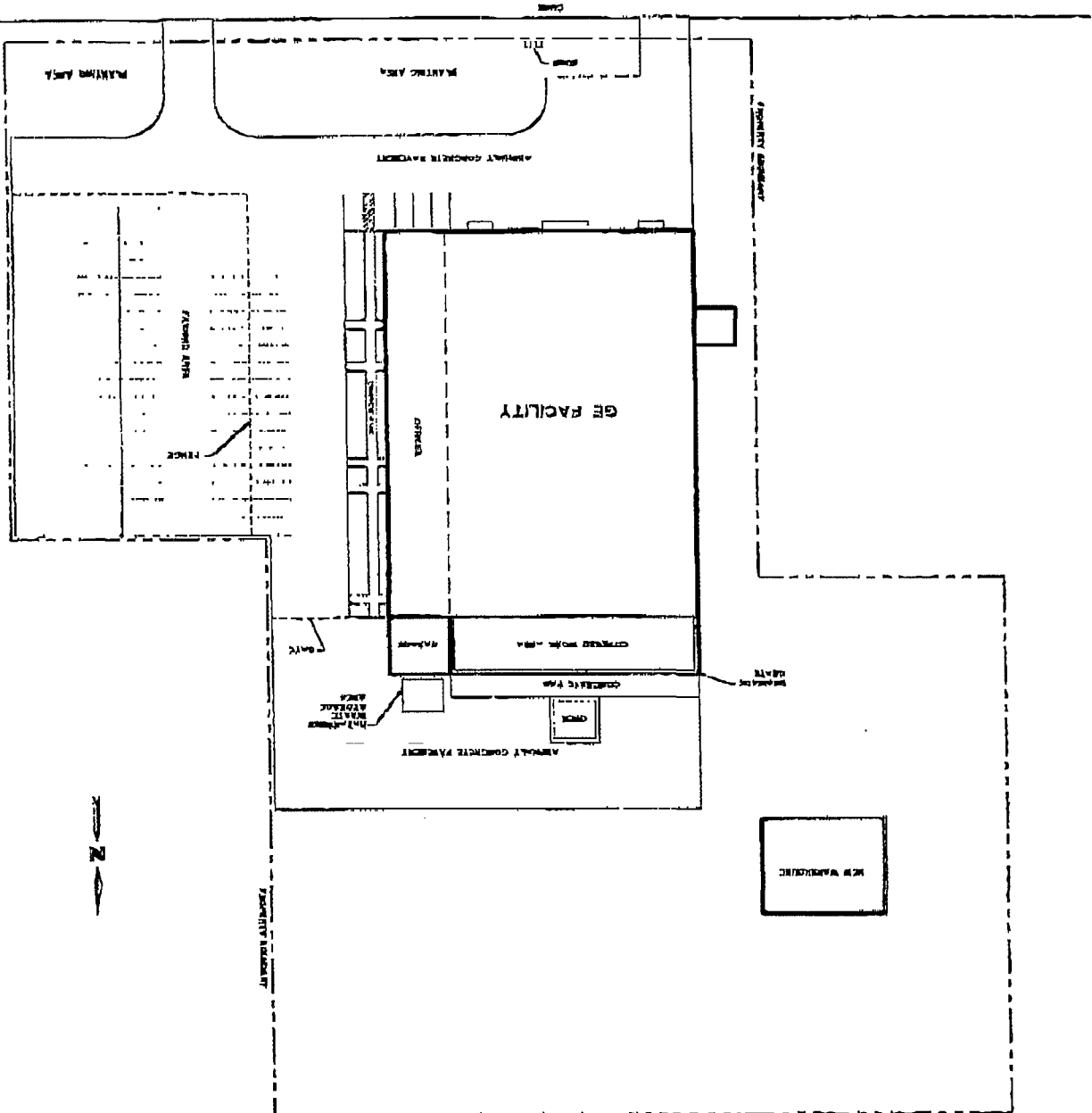
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VALENCIA ROAD



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**Mr. Wayne Smith
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Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of PCB's at the ASD facility in Tucson?

NO

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3. How was the disposal done?
4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of Used Oil at the ASD facility in Tucson?

NO

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

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2. What was the source of the Used Oil that was disposed of?
3. How was the disposal done?
4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of TCE at the ASD facility in Tucson?

NO

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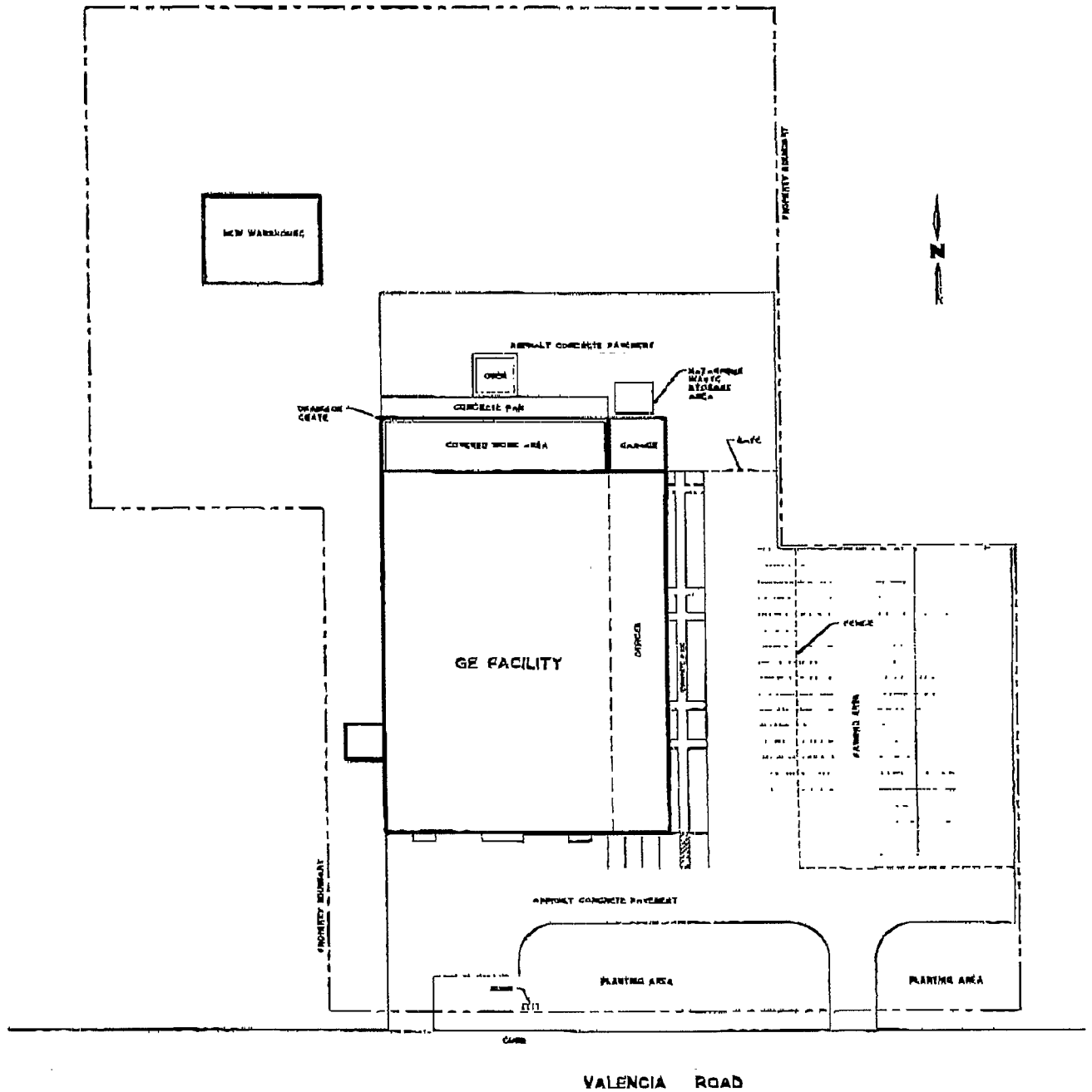
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Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of PCE at the ASD facility in Tucson?

NO

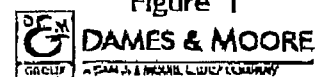
If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

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4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?



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Mr. William Ross
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Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Ross:

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Very truly yours,

Katherine McKenzie

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of PCB's at the ASD facility in Tucson?

YES

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?

in the 70's

2. What was the source of the PCB material that was disposed of?

1500 - PYRONOL

3. How was the disposal done?

dumped in Backyard

4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of Used Oil at the ASD facility in Tucson?

yes

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?

70's 80's

2. What was the source of the Used Oil that was disposed of?

Wheel motors

3. How was the disposal done?

dumped

4. On the attached map mark the area(s) where the disposal was done?

Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of TCE at the ASD facility in Tucson?

~~YES~~ NO

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

1. When was the disposal done?

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2. What was the source of the TCE that was disposed of?

OK 2028/5/1

3. How was the disposal done?

dumped

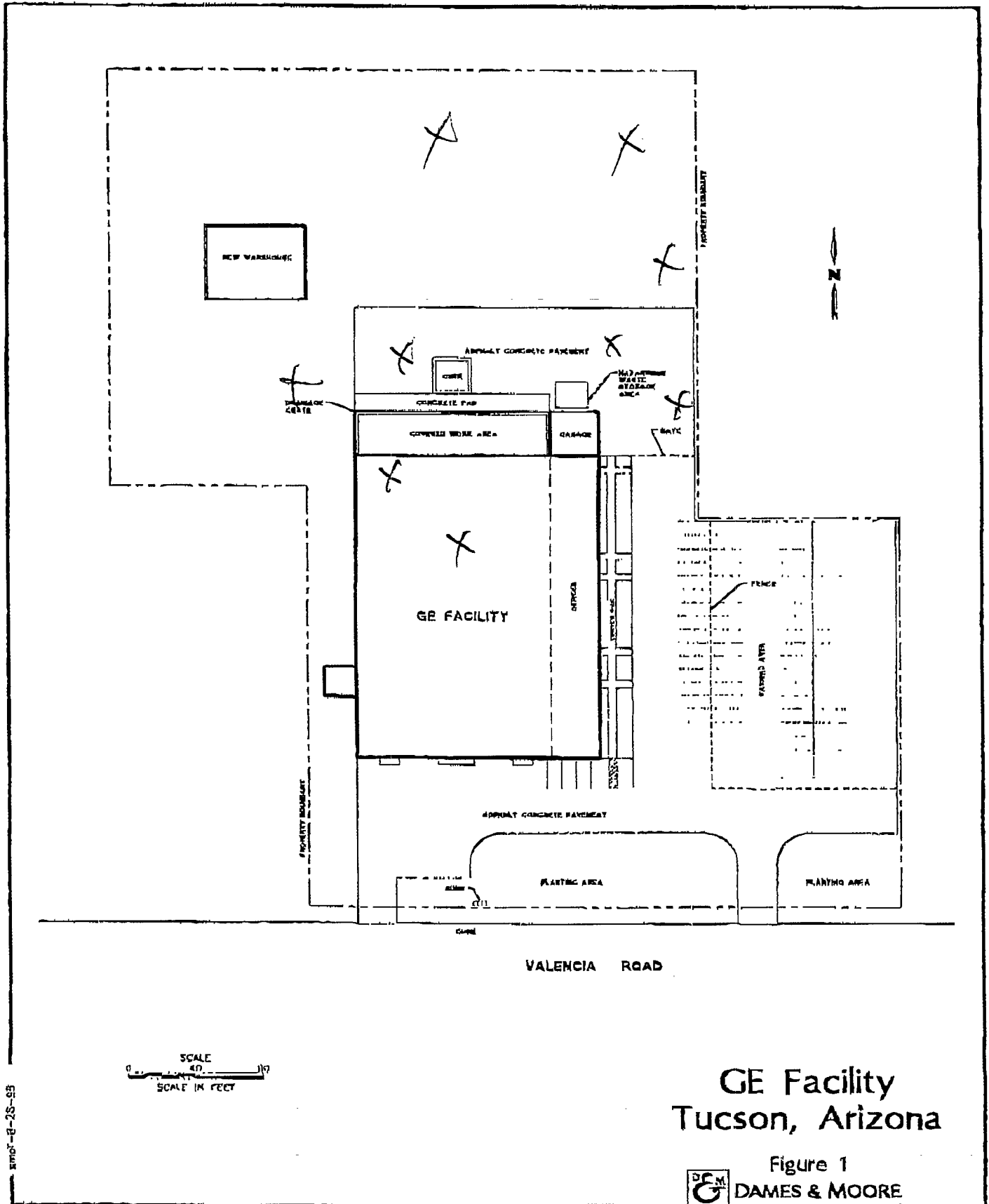
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Mr. David Lowrey
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Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of PCB's at the ASD facility in Tucson? *NO*

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Are you aware of any instance where GE disposed of Used Oil at the ASD facility in Tucson? *No*

If the answer is yes, please provide the following:

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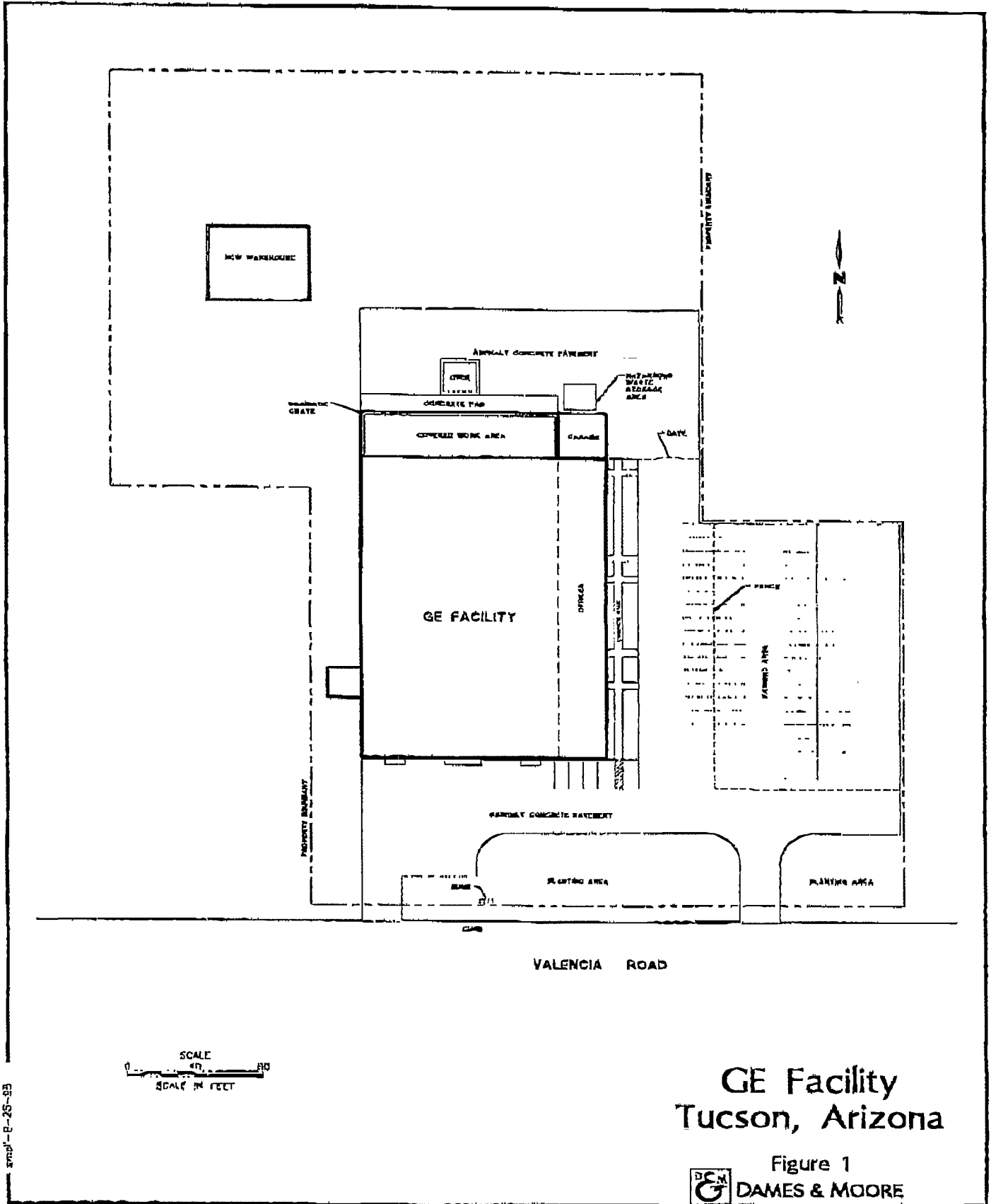
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To Kate McKenzie,

2355 - 4074

My NO Answer on P.C.B. Came from The
Fact That The oil from Transformers may be
oil or P.C.B. I didn't See a oil Test Report.

May I Say oil was disposed around The back
of G.E. on or around 1972

There may have been Used Oil disposed allso

WR Smith